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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 October 15, 2019

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Dear Supervisors:

EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVE THE 2017 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM **BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

> **ALL DISTRICTS** (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approve the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program budget in the amount of \$879,141.15 for the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Approve the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program budget in the amount of \$879,141.15 to continue crime control and prevention programs in the County of Los Angeles (Attachment I).
- 2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to execute, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, any contracts or actions necessary to amend, create, or extend any programs necessary to achieve the goals of the Justice Assistance Grant programs.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Los Angeles (City) and County of Los Angeles (County) agreed to allocate \$879,141.15 to the County for the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). This amount reflects 50 percent of the \$1,953,647 total award (\$976,823.50), less 10 percent (\$97,682.35) for administrative costs incurred by the City.

Board of Supervisors HILDA L. SOLIS First District

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Strategy I.3: Reform Service Delivery Within Our Justice Systems, by providing rehabilitative services to those involved with the County's justice systems to reduce the risk of recidivism and support successful re-entry into our communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The JAG 2017 subaward period of performance is October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020, thus funding programs for County Fiscal Years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. JAG does not require a net County cost match.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

JAG was established by the 109th Congress in 2005 to aid states, tribes, and local governments in creating programs that prevent and control crime within their localities. It was created by merging the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program.

As your Board is aware, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) had imposed certain immigration-related conditions on recipients of JAG 2017 funds. However, pending federal lawsuits have permanently enjoined enforcement of these conditions against any California State entity or any California political subdivision. As a result, neither the City, nor the County, is required to comply with the immigration-related conditions, unless the courts order otherwise.

All JAG funded programs must submit yearly Performance Metrics reports and quarterly financial reports to the Chief Executive Office for processing and eventual reporting to the DOJ. Financial reports require detailed itemized listings of expenditures.

The JAG 2017 Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 16.738.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the City jointly accepts funds from the United States DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance for JAG 2017. The MOU was approved by your Board on May 14, 2019 and fully-executed on June 7, 2019 by the City. The MOU is required under grant guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the continued funding of programs that reduce crime and increase public safety in our communities.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Sheriff
Alternate Public Defender
Auditor-Controller
Health Agency
Public Defender
Public Health

2017 Justice Assistance Grant Budget Narrative County of Los Angeles Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative

The County of Los Angeles has participated in the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded specialized crime reduction and public safety improvement programs since 1996, through the former Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. The County plans to continue a similar path under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) by preserving the programs previously funded under the LLEBG program.

Goals and Objectives:

The overall goal of the County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative is to reduce crime and improve public safety. Personal and community safety is recognized as being one of our most basic needs. The County has been working in a cooperative effort with various justice and law enforcement agencies to target street gangs with the use of search warrants, arrests, and the seizure of firearms and weapons. It is most important for perpetrators of violent gang crimes to be identified, arrested, prosecuted, and convicted in accordance with the law. This is done to protect the public from crime that can ruin the local economy, and have a negative impact on the quality of life for all persons.

Public safety is enhanced when offenders are held accountable and redirected from delinquent and criminal behavior. Strategies to positively impact the behavior of probationers and at-risk youth through early intervention, prevention and suppression programs are a key element of Los Angeles County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative. The County program will continue increase law enforcement presence in the community particularly during large, high profile community events; facilitate Sheriff services to heighten and promote public safety on and off school campuses; promote ongoing collaboration between the County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies to prevent and reduce criminal behavior through case management, supervision, and monitoring; and enhance the adjudication process of cases involving violent offenders through the use of in-house experts. The County will also continue a Trauma Preventive Initiative to reduce trauma visits and deaths throughout the County by reducing high rates of violence. Additionally, the County will be enhancing its program by adding contractors upon approval from the Department of Justice to assist with crime prevention and the education of at-risk youth.

Law Enforcement Programs:

Sheriff - Patrol Services Overtime

Funding will be provided to enhance unincorporated services in Supervisorial District 5 Sheriff area stations including: Altadena, Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Lancaster, Crescenta Valley, and Temple. Additionally, funding will provide for increased law enforcement presence countywide particularly during large, high profile community events and activities with large participant turnout as well as holidays.

Prosecution and Court Programs:

Public Defender - Alternative Sentencing Program/Paralegal Services

The Public Defender Alternative Sentencing Program enhances the adjudication process of cases involving violent offenders by utilizing paralegals to assist attorneys in securing information for preparation of the penalty phase in capital cases and alternative sentencing reports in cases where there is significant mitigating information to support alternative sentencing. This program presents the Court with a range of sentencing options which offer punishment, control, and accountability, frequently at less cost than jail or prison. This program can reduce unnecessary jail and prison use with a potential for a positive impact upon the management of overcrowded jail facilities.

<u> Alternate Public Defender - Alternative Sentencing Program/Social Worker Services</u>

The Alternate Public Defender Alternative Sentencing Program enhances the adjudication process of cases involving mentally ill clients by providing in-house Psychiatric Social Workers that are knowledgeable in mental health and substance use that can make an assessment as to what program, if any, would be suitable for the client.

Prevention and Education Programs:

<u>Department of Public Health - Trauma Prevention Initiative</u>

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will enhance existing work with community-based organizations (CBOs) to advance the following goals: decrease the number of visits to trauma centers for violence-related injuries, increase access to health and social services to those at risk for violence, and increase capacity of peer specialists.

DPH shall achieve these goals by providing additional resources to contracts with Street Outreach CBOs to increase crisis intervention and case management activities, and by developing a peer learning and support network to address secondary trauma among community intervention workers and other community partners.

Sheriff - School Resource Deputy – Crescenta Valley Station

This program provides various prevention services targeting at-risk youth on a countywide basis. Funds are made available to support eligible programs of community interest and benefit aimed to reduce crime and improve public safety. Los Angeles County assigns staff from law enforcement departments and/or contracts with community-based organizations to provide various prevention services targeting youth at-risk for gang membership.

Sheriff - Youth Activities League

The Youth Activities League (YAL) provides supervised recreational and educational activities and reaches economically and socially disadvantaged boys and girls from the age of 8 to 18. The YAL strengthens the relationship between Sheriff's deputies and volunteers as they work together for the benefit of at-risk youth.

* Soledad Enrichment Action (Contractor)

Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA) is a non-profit organization, founded in 1972 by mothers in East Los Angeles who had lost their sons to gang violence. From these humble beginnings, SEA has since grown to become the leading provider of services to high-risk individuals, families, and gang-affected communities within Southern California. SEA combines individually-tailored high school educational services with a diverse array of wrap-around and support services.

* Toberman Neighborhood Center (Contractor) - Gang Reduction and Community Engagement Project

The Gang Reduction and Community Engagement (GRACE) Project is a collaborative effort between Toberman Neighborhood Center and the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations to bring intervention efforts to the Harbor Gateway community. The GRACE Project is working to reduce inter-ethnic tension that leads to violence; reduce gang violence and prevent retaliation violence; expand older teen and young adult resources at local parks and community service agencies; increase public safety; expand prevention and positive youth development resources, and coordinate county services with the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Mental Health for elevated risk youth and families.

* Boys and Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor (Contractor) – College and Career Bound Project

The College Bound program provides daily and year-round college pathway support to the most vulnerable and least college-represented youth from the Greater Los Angeles Area. Higher education is a true pathway to ending the cycle of poverty faced by many young adults in the communities of San Pedro, Wilmington and Harbor City/Harbor Gateway. By first assuring high school graduation (681 of 689 seniors last year graduated on time: 99%); and college attendance

(650 of our 681 graduates attended college this fall: 95%), College Bound participants receive the same mentoring, college coaching, academic support and numerous resources too often only experienced by their more affluent peers. Now in its 17th year, College Bound has graduated 98% of its senior high school participants on time over the past four years and over 2,000 College Bound members have gone to college over the same time span. In addition, over 150 members have been connected to work experience internships as part of the Career Bound program over the past year. Career Bound provides the same mentoring and case management support experienced by our College Bound members while developing the soft skills to make them workforce ready. This Career Bound program provides another pathway out of poverty and directly into the workforce upon high school graduation which leads to a future life of quality.

^{*}Approval of contract is pending approval from Grantor which is Department of Justice (DOJ). DOJ approval is required prior to the County executing Agreement with Contractor.

2017 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY

Program	Department	Amount
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS		
Sheriff - Patrol Services Overtime	District 5	\$32,498
PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAMS		
Alternate Public Defender - Alternative Sentencing Program (Social Worker Services)	Countywide	\$119,787
Public Defender - Alternative Sentencing Program (Paralegal Services)	Countywide	\$264,124
Public Defender - Alternative Sentencing Program (Paralegal Services)	District 3	\$99,046
PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS		
Soledad Enrichment Action (Contractor)	District 1	\$99,046
Department of Public Health – Trauma Prevention Initiative	District 2	\$99,046
Toberman Neighborhood Center (Contractor)	District 4	\$49,523
Boys and Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor (Contractor)	District 4	\$49,523
Sheriff - School Resource Deputy - Crescenta Valley Station Rosemont	District 5	\$27,728
Sheriff - Youth Activities League	District 5	\$38,820
JAG 2017 PROGRAM TOTAL		\$879,141

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Sheriff - Patrol Services Overtime

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Overtime	\$32,498
Personnel Subtotal	\$32,498
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
Grand Total	\$32,498

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAMS BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Alternate Public Defender - Alternative Sentencing Program (Social Worker Services)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Psychiatric Social Worker	\$119,787
Personnel Subtotal	\$119,787
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	
Grand Total	\$119,787

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAMS BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Public Defender - Alternative Sentencing Program (Paralegal Services)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Attorneys, Paralegals	\$363,170
Personnel Subtotal	\$363,170
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	
Grand Total	\$363,170

Program: Soledad Enrichment Action

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$99,046
Other	\$0
Grand Total	\$99,046

Program: Department of Public Health – Trauma Prevention Initiative

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$99,046
Other	\$0
Grand Total	\$99,046

Program: Toberman Neighborhood Center

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$49,523
Other	\$0
Grand Total	\$49,523

Program: Boys and Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$49,523
Other	\$0
Grand Total	\$49,523

Program: Sheriff - School Resource Deputy - Crescenta Valley Station

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Sworn Officers	\$27,728
Personnel Subtotal	\$27,728
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
Grand Total	\$27,728

Program: Sheriff - Youth Activities League

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Sworn Officers	\$38,820
Personnel Subtotal	\$38,820
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
Grand Total	\$38,820